

REMARKS

After entry of this Amendment claims 1-19 are pending in the application. Claims 1-19 are rejected. Claims 1, 12 and 13 have been amended. Claim 7 has been canceled. The specification has been amended. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8, 10-11 are currently rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Chmela et al. It is respectfully submitted that Chmela does not teach an article for protecting the edges of a piece of furniture comprising a one piece unitary body for mounting over an edge of the piece of furniture; and attachment means integrally formed with the body for attaching the body to a piece of furniture, the attachment means including a tab laterally extending from the body, the tab including an aperture adapted for receiving a threaded shank on a furniture leg, the body fixed to the piece of furniture by fixed mounting of the tab between the leg and the piece of furniture, as set forth in Applicant's invention in claim 1, from which claims 2-3, 5-6, 8, 10 and 11 depend.

Chmela discloses a soft edge molding that is designed to protect persons from injury caused by bumping against an edge from a piece of furniture. Chmela is devoid an attachment means integrally formed with the body for attaching the body to a piece of furniture, the attachment means including a tab laterally extending from the body, the tab including an aperture adapted for receiving a threaded shank on a furniture leg, the body fixed to the piece of furniture by fixed mounting of the tab between the leg and the piece of furniture, as defined in Applicant's invention in claims 1-3, 5-6, and 10-11.

According to the reasoning rendered, it is submitted that Applicant's invention defined in claims 1-3, 5-6, 8 and 10-11 is not anticipated by and patentably defines over Chmela.

Claims 1-2 and 13-17 are currently rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Pryce. It is respectfully submitted that Pryce does not teach an article for protecting the edges of a piece of furniture comprising a one piece unitary body for mounting over an edge of the piece of furniture; and attachment means integrally formed with the body for attaching the body to a piece of furniture, the attachment means including a tab laterally extending from the body, the tab including an aperture adapted for receiving a threaded shank on a furniture leg, the body fixed to the piece of furniture by fixed mounting of the tab between the leg and the piece of furniture, as set forth in Applicant's invention in claim 1, from which claim 2 depends.

Pryce teaches a furniture protecting device that is constructed to be positioned under the bottom surface of a leg of a piece of furniture. When the device is positioned accordingly, foot member 5 positions elongated shield member 2 in close proximity to at least the lower front portion of the furniture leg. Pryce is devoid an article for protecting the edges of a piece of furniture comprising a one piece unitary body for mounting over an edge of the piece of furniture, as set forth by Applicant in claim 1, from which claim 2 depends. Particularly, Applicant's article is securely fixed to the edge of a piece of furniture between the leg and the piece of furniture. Whereas, Pryce's device contacts the leg underneath the leg.

Furthermore, Pryce is devoid attachment means integrally formed with the body for attaching the body to a piece of furniture, the attachment means including a tab laterally extending from the body, the tab including an aperture adapted for receiving a threaded shank on a furniture leg, the body fixed to the piece of furniture by fixed mounting of the tab between the leg and the piece of furniture, as set forth by Applicant in claim 1, from which claim 2 depends. Particularly, Applicant's article receives a threaded shank from a furniture leg for securing the leg to a frame of the furniture and to dispose the body between the leg and the frame. Whereas, Pryce's device is constructed so that the foot member 5 is positioned under the bottom surface of a leg of a piece of furniture. Pryce does not teach placing the cover body between the leg and the frame.

Applicant's invention as set forth in claim 13, from which claims 14-17 depend, teaches an article of furniture comprising a front panel; a back panel; a side panel; an interior frame supporting the front panel; the side panel and back panel; a plurality of legs coupled to the interior frame by a threaded shank; a one piece unitary edge protector body for mounting over an edge of the article of furniture; and attachment means including a tab laterally extending from the body, the tab including an aperture adapted for receiving a threaded shank on a furniture leg, the body fixed to the piece of furniture by fixed mounting of the tab between the leg and the piece of furniture.

Pryce is devoid attachment means including a tab laterally extending from the body, the tab including an aperture adapted for receiving a threaded shank on a furniture leg, the body fixed to the piece of furniture by fixed mounting of the tab between the leg and the piece of furniture, as set forth by Applicant in claim 13, from which claims 14-17 depend. Particularly, Applicant's article receives a threaded shank from a furniture leg for securing the body to the furniture between the leg and the furniture frame. Whereas, Pryce's device is

constructed so that the foot member 5 is positioned solely under the bottom surface of a leg of a piece of furniture.

According to the reasoning rendered, it is submitted that Applicant's invention defined in claims 1-2 and 13-17 is not anticipated by and patentably defines over Pryce.

Claims 3-12 and 18-19 are currently rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pryce in view of Chmela et al. The Examiner alleges "it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the body of Pryce with a shape as taught by Chmela in order to better accommodate furniture with very sharp edges."

Combining the cited references as the Examiner suggests does not yield an article for protecting the edges of a piece of furniture comprising attachment means integrally formed with the body for attaching the body to a piece of furniture, the attachment means including a tab laterally extending from the body, the tab including an aperture adapted for receiving a threaded shank on a furniture leg, the body fixed to the piece of furniture by fixed mounting of the tab between the leg and the piece of furniture, as similarly set forth in claim 1, from which claims 3-12 depend, and claim 13, from which claims 18-19 depend. The combination teaches away from the present invention because the combination would not produce an article that receives a threaded shank from a furniture leg for securing the leg to a frame of the furniture. The combination would produce a device wherein the foot member 5 is positioned under the bottom surface of a leg of a piece of furniture.

According to the reasoning rendered, it is submitted that Applicant's invention as similarly set forth in claim 1, from which claims 3-12 depend, and claim 13, from which claims 18-19 depend, is not rendered obvious by and patentably defines over any permissible combination of Pryce and Chmela.

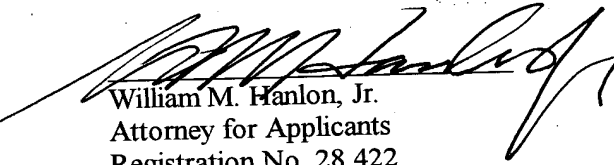
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In summation, for the above reasons, it is submitted that claims 1-6 and 8-19 are in an allowable condition, notice of which is respectfully requested.

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